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Hawaii recruiter Gunnery Sgt. Elmer G. Pagaragan, right, Recruiter of the Year for Recruiting Station Orange County in 2004, discusses the opportunities available in the Marine Corps' aviation electronics military occupational specialty with Pfc. Richard D. Luis. Pagaragan recently joined thousands of Marine recruiters in an offensive geared to improve recruiting through the year's most trying months. Lance Cpl. Bernadette L. Ainsworth/Marine Corps Forces Pacific

Recruiters making offensive-minded push for hardest months

BY SGT. JIMMIE PERKINS
Marine Corps Recruiting Command

The Marine Corps Recruiting Command launched Operation Warlord, a national recruiting offensive aimed at motivating and rewarding successful recruiters and station commanders Tuesday.

Marine recruiters are working through one of the most challenging recruiting times in the past decade. However, this offensive is designed to increase productivity, assist the command in meeting near-term goals and to reward Marines for mission accomplishment.

"This is a great way to recognize our best recruiters who remain dedicated and focused day in and day out, seeking out young Americans to earn the title Marine," said Col. Angie Salinas, chief of staff, MCRC. "Recruiting duty is the toughest duty in the Marine Corps outside of combat, and these Marines deserve to be recognized for their efforts."

Through April 30, all recruiters nationwide will receive points for the contracts they write and the applicants they ship to recruit training. However, points will also be deducted for delayed entry program and recruit training discharges. At the end of the challenge, the

points will be totaled and the top performers will be rewarded for their efforts.

Recruiters will be recognized with impact awards such as the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal or the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

In addition, station commanders will be recognized at the unit level. From the smallest recruiting substation to the two recruiting regions, the top units will be recognized and will have bragging rights as the best among their peers.

"The initiative is designed to foster aggressive competition between recruiters, recruiting stations, districts and regions," said Capt. Edward McDonough, program officer, MCRC. "We hope to increase production, lower attrition in our contracting and shipping efforts, and we'll present awards to our top performers."

The award for the top recruiter nationally will be presented at a special ceremony held in conjunction with the annual MCRC-hosted Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., this summer.

"The program is a win-win situation for us. It (costs) very little to do yet has a big payoff in giving Marines something that means the most to them — official recognition for their hard work," said McDonough.

ALERT: Data lost

933,000 DoD Bank of America gov't travel cardholders affected

BY JUDGE ADVOCATE DIVISION
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Bank of America suffered the loss of five computer data tapes, Dec. 30, 2004, containing personal information such as names, Social Security account numbers and addresses, and government travel card account numbers for 933,000 Department of Defense Bank of America government travel cardholders including military and civilian; all services; active and reserve components; open and closed accounts.

To date, neither law enforcement agencies nor the Bank of America have detected any suspicious activity connected with the lost data. The Bank of America began mailing letters to cardholders whose personal information was on the missing tapes Feb. 25.

DoD cardholders who receive a letter from Bank of America describing the loss of the tapes need to understand that their personal information was on the missing tapes.

These DoD cardholders should be especially vigilant for any signs that other people may have attempted to exploit their personal information.

DoD cardholders who receive notification letters should place a fraud alert on their credit files. A fraud alert stays on a credit file for 90 days and tells creditors to contact the cardholder before the creditor opens any new accounts or changes existing accounts.

Cardholders can call any one of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax at (800) 525-6285, Experian at (888) 397-3742 and TransUnion at (800) 680-7289.

As soon as one credit bureau confirms a fraud alert, it notifies the other credit bureaus. All three

credit bureaus will then send credit reports to the cardholders, free of charge, for their review. Cardholders should review the credit reports for any suspicious activity such as unexplained new accounts.

If a cardholder detects any suspicious activity or has reason to believe his or her information is being misused, the cardholder should contact local law enforcement and the local Secret Service field office. The cardholder should get a copy of the police report. Many creditors want the information it contains to absolve cardholders of fraudulent debts. A cardholder who detects suspicious activity should also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.consumer.gov/idtheft or at (877) 438-4338. Such complaints will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcers for their investigations.

Bank of America had established a dedicated toll free telephone line for questions of concerns connected with this loss of data at (800) 493-8444.

Even if cardholders do not find any suspicious activity on their initial credit reports, the FTC recommends that all consumers check their credit reports periodically. Checking credit reports periodically can help all consumers spot problems and address them quickly.

More consumer information is available at www.consumer.gov/idtheft/consumertopics_bk.html.

Please contact your local Legal Assistance Office with any questions regarding this advisory or for legal advice. Questions or concerns not soliciting legal advice may be directed to hqmclegal@hqmc.usmc.mil or (703) 614-1266.



RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Company G recruit learns Boy Scout leadership doesn't stack up next to Marine boot camp. But it's not a bad start.

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8th District changes hands

Huenefeld assumes command, Kuhlow retires after nearly 30 years of service

BY GUNNERY SGT. JAMES J. CONNOLLY JR.
8th Marine Corps Recruiting District

Col. Carl F. Huenefeld took command of the 8th Marine Corps Recruiting District from Col. Robert F. Kuhlow in a change of command ceremony at the Pan American Life Center in downtown New Orleans Feb. 19.

The passage of colors capped a near 30-year-career by Kuhlow, who had led the district since July 2002.

“For most of us, this is a bittersweet day,” said Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, on hand to serve as the ceremony’s reviewing officer. “We’re losing a great Marine and a good friend.”

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Paxton presented Kuhlow with the Legion of Merit, his second, and praised him for bringing “a wealth of managerial expertise and leadership” to the district. Brig. Gen. Paxton also cited Kuhlow’s strict adherence to quality enlistment standards, specifically noting that an excess of 70 percent of those shipped to recruit training from the 8th District qualified in the top three mental group categories, far surpassing Marine Corps standards.

“When you commission a Marine and when you entrust a Marine with the leadership of others, you want him to walk the talk; you want him to be just the example that you need in a Marine leader,” Brig. Gen. Paxton added. “Bob Kuhlow has done that for 30 years.”

For Kuhlow, the ceremony also marked the end of his fourth tour within the recruiting community. He counted camaraderie and mentorship among the reasons for his success. “You can’t buy camaraderie ... it comes, it grows, you build it and you get mentored by it,” the Montgomery, N.Y., native said. “I’ve been mentored by corporals; I’ve been mentored by privates, and I’ve been mentored by generals. What I am today has come from a lot of Marines.”

Kuhlow’s immediate retirement plans include settling in Garner, N.C., with his wife Stephanie and two daughters currently enrolled at East Carolina University.



Col. Robert F. Kuhlow, right, relinquishes command of the 8th Marine Corps Recruiting District to Col. Carl F. Huenefeld during a change of command ceremony Feb. 19. Sgt. Virgil P. Richardson/8th Marine Corps Recruiting District

Huenefeld, the new commanding officer, enlisted in the Marine Corps in June 1971, and his early tours include serving as an artillery fire control man and Marine security guard. He also served as a close-combat instructor and noncommissioned officer-in-charge of physical training with 2nd Recruit Training Battalion at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Huenefeld was commissioned in August 1980 and

attended the Basic Artillery Officer Course at Fort Sill, Okla. He most recently served as the force fires coordinator and Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

“I have looked forward to this opportunity for a long time,” explained Huenefeld, who also previously served as the commanding officer of Recruiting Station San Diego from 1992 to 1995. “I am ready.”

New sergeant major graces H&S



Sgt. Maj. Daniel R. Anderson salutes Col. Ana R. Smythe, commanding officer, Headquarters and Service Battalion, before taking over as Smythe’s senior enlisted advisor during a post and relief ceremony Feb. 23. Anderson was formerly the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion sergeant major. Anderson took over for Sgt. Maj. Armando Escobedo, who retired after 28 years of active duty service. Sgt. Ryan Smith/Chevron staff

Steroid law amended

BY CPL. EDWARD R. GUEVARA JR.
Chevron staff

Marines have new reason to read the ingredients on their fitness supplements before using them.

The Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 2004 amended the definition of anabolic steroids previously adhered to in the Anabolic Steroid Control Act of 1990 when it went into effect this year.

Marine Administrative Message 011/05 indicates prohibited ingredients such as tetrahydrogestrinone, androstenedione, and specific related chemicals used to promote muscle growth.

“Specifically, androstenedione – or any ‘andro’-containing substance – a steroid precursor, will now be listed as a Schedule 3 controlled substance,” according to the message. It added that Article 112A of the Uniform Code of Military Justice indicates the wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, import, or introduction on an in-

stallation, vessel, vehicle or aircraft used by or under the control of the armed forces, of all drugs on Schedules 1-5 are illegal. Public Law 108-358 covers the effects in full.

According to depot officials, there is no list now or in the foreseeable future of products containing these substances here. Only the actual ingredients are banned and a list of those ingredients is available at the depot Substance Abuse Counseling Center.

“In our briefs, we tell (the Marines) to look at the ingredients on those over-the-counter supplements from places like (General Nutrition Centers) or similar stores,” said Doug Flowers, drug demand reduction coordinator at the depot SACC. “Make sure the ingredients are not on the list.”

The depot SACC gives briefs at specific units throughout the year and can be booked for individual units.

For more information, contact your unit’s substance abuse counseling officer or the depot SACC at (619) 524-1836.

Heroes among today’s youth

We have been called Generation X – the digital generation, computer whiz kids and other names – but we have also been known as the “No Heroes Generation.” We are far spaced from our grandparents and their fathers, with heroes from World War II, Korea and Vietnam, with great Marines and soldiers who fought honorably and with valor to defend America in the wake of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec 7, 1941, which threw our nation into the role of world peacekeeper.

Our nation was thrown into a fight not only to defend itself, but also to defend democracy and a free world. Much like the events of yesteryear, the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001 have once again thrown us in the grip of a world war, but not a conventional war. Not into a war where we fought an established army in a foreign country, but into a war in which our enemies use tactics so horrific, they are a disgrace to humanity as a whole.

This generation does have what it takes to be as great as the generations that have gone before us. We now have heroes like the great Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone and Col. Chesty Puller; they are in the faces of the young privates, lance corporals, corporals and sergeants – the backbone of what is today’s Marine Corps. And heroes are in similar ranks of our brothers and sisters in other services.

Today, just like yesterday, Marines stand ready to answer the call of our nation, and as we graduate recruits from this depot and our sister depot on the East Coast, we must stay committed and ready to answer the call ourselves. We have the Gunnery Sgt. Basilones and the Dan Dalys of tomorrow – the future Sergeants Major of the Marine Corps and many others this great Corps has made and will continue to do for years to come. As we approach the dawn of the new era in our military readiness, we must sometimes take a moment and give thanks for those who gave there lives: the young, 20-year-old lance corporal patrolling the streets of Fallujah, the private first class delivering supplies for that patrol, and everyone who is involved in making that possible. These are the Marines who make it happen. They are the future of the Marine Corps, and as I see it, we have a bright future ahead. Semper Fidelis.

Lance Cpl. Jorge Benitez Jr.,
Former member of
Regimental Combat Team 7, Iraq

Advice on adoption

Those thinking about or pursuing adoption in California should learn these ins-and-outs

BY 1ST LT. B.D. TRULOCK
Legal Assistance Office

The Legal Assistance Office offers a variety of family law services. One of the areas in which we offer advice and assistance is adoption. Adoption is the legal process by which a person or couple takes a child that is not their biological offspring and raises the child as their own.

LEGAL In most cases, adoption terminates all rights and obligations of the natural parent. The most common exception occurs in the case of stepparent adoptions. In this situation, the natural parent is the spouse of the adopting parent and the natural parent’s rights, therefore, are not severed. If the parents subsequently divorce, an adoptive parent may be required to pay child support as if he or she were the child’s natural parent.

The following paragraphs provide general information on adoption proceedings in California. Every state has its own laws governing adoption, and the law of the state in which the adoption proceeding takes place governs adoption. If you are considering an adoption in a state other than California, the following information may not be accurate.

If you are interested in pursuing an adoption outside of California, you should consult a legal assistance attorney or private attorney licensed to practice in the state where the proceedings will take place. Moreover, adoptions involving children from outside the United States often raise complicated questions involving both foreign and U.S. law. If you are interested in pursuing this type of adoption, you should consult an agency or attorney with special experience in that area.

This article discusses three types of adoption: adoption by a new spouse of one of the natural parents (step-parent), adoption through a child-placement agency, and adoption of a child placed by one of the natural parents (direct). All three types involve the filing of a petition for adoption in a California court. Although the discussion below refers to a “natural” or “birth” parent, it includes a parent who legally adopted a child in a prior proceeding. Parents can also adopt an individual who is over the age of 18, but that is not discussed here because it is an unusual situation.

Stepparent Adoption

The rules governing stepparent adoptions are codified in California Family Codes § 9000-9007. A stepparent desiring to adopt a child of the stepparent’s spouse may file a petition for adoption in the county in which the petitioner resides. Once a prospective parent files a petition, a qualified investigator (as defined by California

Family Code § 9001) must conduct an investigation. The investigator must file a report and recommendation with the court before the judge can issue a final order. Generally, a physical investigation of the home is not required, although the judge does have the discretion to order such an investigation.

Agency Placement

California Family Codes § 8700-8720 govern “agency adoptions.” An agency adoption is the adoption of a minor in which the California Department of Social Services or a licensed adoption agency is a party to, or joins in, the adoption petition.

Individuals desiring to adopt a child must file a petition similar to the petition filed by stepparents. The prospective parent must file the petition in the county in which he or she resides. If the petitioner is not a resident of California, he or she must file the petition in the county in which the birth parents resided when they relinquished their parental rights for the purpose of adoption. If the petitioner has entered into a post-adoption contact agreement with the natural parents, the agreement must be attached to the petition.

Each individual filing an application for adoption must be fingerprinted and secure his criminal record to determine whether the individual has been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations.

Independent Adoption

Independent adoptions – more commonly known as direct placement adoption – are governed by California Family Codes § 8800-8823. An independent adoption is one in which neither the California Department of Social Services nor a licensed adoption agency is party to or joins in the petition.

Children cannot be placed for independent adoption unless the birthparents and the prospective parents complete an extensive list of requirements. Moreover, the selection of prospective parents must be personally made by the child’s natural parents. The natural parents cannot delegate this obligation to anyone else. The selection must be based on the natural parent’s personal knowledge of the prospective parents.

As with other forms of adoption, the California Department of Social Services or a delegated adoption agency must conduct an investigation regarding the suitability of the adoption. The agency conducting the investigation will then submit a recommendation to the court regarding the granting of the petition. Moreover, each applicant must have his fingerprints taken and obtain his criminal record from an appropriate law enforcement agency.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF ADOPTION RECORDS

After the judge enters a final decree of adoption, the petition, investigation, and all other records associated with the adoption are sealed. The only parties that have access to the documents are the adoptive parents, their attorneys, and the California Department of Social Services. Additionally, the identity of the natural parents remains confidential unless requested by the child after he or she reaches 21 years of age and the natural parents have consented to the disclosure.

REIMBURSEMENT OF ADOPTION EXPENSES

The military may reimburse members for some expenses connected with the adoption of a child under 18 years of age. Reimbursable expenses include reasonable and necessary expenses directly related to the legal adoption of a child, but only if an authorized government or non-profit placement agency arranges the adoption. Expenses for travel by an adopting parent are not reimbursable. A service member, or two members who are spouses, may be reimbursed up to \$2,000 per

child, with a maximum total reimbursement of \$5,000 in any calendar year. All reimbursements are taxable on the same basis as base pay.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Marine Corps policy allows legal assistance attorneys to prepare paperwork for eligible clients to file for uncontested stepparent adoptions. These attorneys can also provide general information in connection with other adoptions. If you have any questions, contact the Legal Assistance Office at (619) 524-4111 or (619) 524-4110.

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SeaWorld Honors U.S. Troops With ‘Here’s to the Heroes’ Salute

Military personnel and as many as three direct dependents are invited to visit SeaWorld for free during the adventure park’s “Here’s to the Heroes” salute, which provides single-day, free admission to a SeaWorld until Dec. 31.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member, U.S. Coast Guard member or National Guard member is entitled to free admission under the program. To participate, military members need only register, either online at www.herosalute.com or in the park’s entrance plaza, and show a Department of Defense photo ID. As many as three direct dependents of military personnel also are entitled to free admission. Dependents may take advantage of the offer without their service member, though an adult must accompany minor dependents.

General park information is available at www.seaworld.com. For more information, contact SeaWorld Public Relations at (619) 226-3929.

File those taxes

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance center at the Legal Assistance Office in Bldg. 12. is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is closed Saturday and Sunday.

This free electronic tax filing is available for active duty, retired and military family members. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Olson or Staff Sgt. Chavera at (619) 524-8628 or (619) 524-8266.

Be on “I’d Do Anything”

The ESPN show “I’d Do Anything,” is looking for participants. The show does not reward the participants. It is built around good deeds and good will, when a participant would do anything – for example, play football against superior competition and get knocked around – to make a loved one’s sports dream come true. No cash prizes are involved. A Marine would have to be on leave because the filming for this show will be a week. To apply for the show, visit www.espn.com, keyword “I’d do anything.”

Marine Corps Times Marine of the Year competition

The Marine Corps Times is taking nominations for the 2005 Marine of the Year competition. Any Marine who has shown unusual or unrecognized honor, valor and dedication to fellow Marines and the community during 2004 may be nominated for this award.

Nominations must include:

- Your name, commercial phone number and e-mail address.
- Your nominee’s name and commercial phone number.
- Your nominee’s current unit commander’s name, address and commercial phone number.
- In 300 words or less, describe why you feel your nominee deserves the award.



TOP OF THE HILL With his platoon following close behind, Pfc. Enrique Anciso Jr., Platoon 2053, Company G, carries his load and the platoon’s guidon to the top of the Reaper on the last day of the Crucible Feb. 3. Company G graduates 433 Marines today and Platoon 2053 is the honor platoon. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

- Names and contact information of three people who can verify your nominee’s achievements.
 - Nominees must be on active duty, guard or reserve through Aug. 23, 2005.
- The deadline for nominations is March 30. Nominations may be submitted online at www.marinecorpstimes.com/marine. E-mail marine@marinecorpstimes.com. Fax to (703) 642-7325, or mail to the following address: Marine Corps Times Marine of the Year Award, 6883 Commercial Drive, Springfield, Va., 22159.

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program

One-day workshops for the PREP program fiscal 2005 are available April 27, June 22 and Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 111.

PREP teaches couples how to communicate effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance love, commitment and friendship, as well as solve problems and manage disagreements. Active duty members and their spouses or fiancés, as well as civilian depot employees, are invited to attend. Priority will be given to active duty members and their spouses or fiancés.

Child care is available. Please sign up no later than one week before a workshop.

For more information, call the Family Team Building office at (619) 524-0916 or (888) 718-3027.

All services enlisted ball

The San Diego Armed Services YMCA is hosting its 17th Annual All Services Enlisted Ball at Paradise Point Resort and Spa May 7. For more information, call the event coordinator Cindy Farless at (619) 232-9084 or visit www.asymcasd.org.

Bible study opportunities

The Headquarters and Service Battalion Bible study, Hearers and Doers, is open to all H&S personnel, both active duty and civilian, including Recruiters School personnel and students. The group meets from 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tuesdays in the H&S Bn. Headquarters classroom, Building 15. The group is currently reading and discussing the book, “The Purpose Driven Life,” by Rick Warren. Come as you are. Please call the battalion chaplain for further details including information about acquiring Warren’s book.

Officers’ Christian Fellowship is available to all depot officers Friday mornings at 6:30 a.m. The group meets for about an hour in the Headquarters Company classroom in Building 6W. The meeting ends so that those involved in Friday morning Colors are able to make it to the ceremony on time. The group study is currently focused on the book, “Your Work Matters to God,” by Doug Sherman and William Hendricks.

Interested officers can join the study at any point in time whether or not they are familiar with or have been reading the subject book. Please give Lt. Col. Scott McLennan, executive officer, H&S Bn., a call at (619) 524-1980 for further details including information about acquiring the book.

Mexico border area liberty policy violation update

The San Diego Police Department routinely conducts Operation Safe Crossing with the help of various local law enforcement agencies. Operation Safe Crossing is designed to deter underage drinking in Tijuana, Mexico.

All military personnel without their armed forces identification cards will be denied entry into Mexico. San Diego police will arrest any people, regardless of age, coming back from Tijuana who are too intoxicated to take care of themselves. Commander Navy Region Southwest Border Shore Patrol will maintain a visual presence and assist SDPD upon request in handling or taking custody of any military personnel.

Mexico liberty policies

Marine Corps Regional Order 1050 requires that all Marines, lance corporal’s and below, have an out of bounds chit to go to

This year’s Commanding General’s Cup is well underway, and if it’s anything like last year’s competition, it should be a close race to first place. Here are this year’s remaining events:

- **Walleyball Tournament, March 8**
- **St. Patrick’s Day Run, March 17**
- **Dodgeball Tournament, March 22** (*coaches meet March 14*)
- **Racquetball League, March 29** (*coaches meet March 21*)
- **Basketball Tournament, April 5** (*coaches meet March 28*)
- **Billiards League, May 17** (*coaches meet May 9*)
- **Softball League, May 24** (*coaches meet May 16*)
- **Freedom Run, June 30**
- **Flag Football League, July 5** (*coaches meet June 27*)
- **6-on-6 Outdoor Soccer, Aug. 16** (*coaches meet Aug. 8*)
- **Sand Volleyball, Sept. 27** (*coaches meet Sept.19*)
- **Bowling League, Oct. 3** (*coaches meet Sept. 26*)
- **Powerlifting Tournament, Nov. 15** (*coaches meet Nov. 7*)
- **Turkey Trot, Nov. 22**
- **3-on-3 Basketball, Nov. 29** (*coaches meet Nov. 21*)
- **Field Meet, Dec. 9**

Mexico. Regional order 1050 applies to all lance corporals and below assigned here.

For more information, senior enlisted personnel and officers may contact Mac Celso Rubalcaba via e-mail at rubalcaba.celso@otc.cnrsw.navy.mil or (619) 428-2427/1318.

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WHO’S WHO IN MARINE CORPS HISTORY



BRIG. GEN. MARGARET BREWER

Became the first woman Marine appointed to brigadier general

Brig. Gen. Margaret A. Brewer, the first female general officer in the Marine Corps, retired July 1, 1980. Her last assignment was as the Director of Public Affairs, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C.

Born in Durand, Mich., in 1930, she received her primary education in Michigan but graduated from the Catholic High School in Baltimore prior to entering the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. She received a bachelor’s degree in geography in January 1952, and was commissioned a Marine second lieutenant in March of that year.

Her first assignment was at Marine Corps Air Station El Toro, Calif., where she served as a communications watch officer until June 1953. She was then transferred to Brooklyn, N.Y., for a two-year tour as Inspector-Instructor of a woman Marine reserve unit.

From September 1955 until June 1958, then Capt. Brewer served successively as commanding officer of the woman Marine companies at Norfolk, Va., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. During

the 18 months following, she was a platoon commander for women officer candidates at Quantico, Va., during summer training sessions, and a woman officer selection officer with headquarters in Lexington, Ky.

Transferred to Camp Pendleton, Calif., in November 1959 for duty with the Commissioned Officers Mess (Open), she was promoted to major in September 1961 and in April 1963 returned to Quantico to serve as executive officer and later as commanding officer of the Woman Officer School.

From June 1966 to February 1968, she was the Public Affairs Officer for the 6th Marine Corps Recruiting District based in Atlanta. There she was promoted to lieutenant colonel in December 1966.

She served as Deputy Director of Women Marines, Headquarters Marine Corps, from March 1968 to March 1971. She was promoted to colonel in December 1970. Reporting to Quantico, she assumed duty as Special Assistant to the Director, Marine Corps Education Center. She became Chief of the Support Department, Marine Corps Education Center in June 1972, serving in this capacity until she

was selected as the seventh Director of Women Marines Feb. 1, 1973.

In July 1977, then Col. Brewer assumed duty as Deputy Director of the Division of Information, Headquarters Marine Corps, when the Director of Women Marines’ office was disbanded because of the strides made in integrating women into an expanded role in the Corps. For meritorious service as the Director of Women Marines, she was presented the Legion of Merit by the Commandant of the Marine Corps on June 30, 1977.

While serving as the Deputy Director of the Division of Information, she was nominated during April 1978 for appointment to the grade of brigadier general. She was appointed to that grade and assumed duty as Director of Information, May 11, 1978, at which time she became the first female general officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Dec. 1, 1979, the Division of Information was redesignated as the Division of Public Affairs, and Brig. Gen. Brewer’s title was changed to Director of Public Affairs.

Source: U.S. Marine Corps History and Museums Division

Women Marines
A brief history

In 1918, the Secretary of Navy allowed women to enroll for clerical duty in the Marine Corps. Officially, Opha Mae Johnson is credited as the first woman Marine. Johnson enrolled for service on August 13, 1918. During that year, some 300 women first entered the Marine Corps to take over stateside clerical duties from battle-ready Marines who were needed overseas. The Marine Corps Women’s Reserve was established in February 1943. On June 12, 1948, Congress passed the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act and made women a permanent part of the regular Marine Corps.

In 1950, the Women Reserves were mobilized for the Korean War and 2,787 women served proudly. At the height of the Vietnam War, there were about 2,700 women Marines serving both stateside and overseas. By 1975, the Corps approved the assignment of women to all occupational fields except infantry, artillery, armor and pilot/air crew. More than 1,000 women Marines were deployed in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990-1991.

Pvt. Minnie Spotted-Wolf of Heart Butte, Mont., enlisted in the Marine Corps Women’s Reserve in July 1943. She was the first female American Indian to enroll in the Corps. Minnie had worked on her father’s ranch doing such chores as cutting fence posts, driving a two-ton truck, and breaking horses. Her comment on Marine boot camp: “Hard but not too hard.”

For more information, log on to www.womenmarines.org.



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY



Jacob Zeilin

Selected March dates of Marine Corps historical significance

March 2, 1867

Jacob Zeilin, Colonel Commandant of the Marine Corps, was promoted to brigadier general commandant, the first time Congress authorized this rank for the Marine Corps. The statute, however, was repealed in June 1874 so that the rank of commandant would again revert to colonel upon Zeilin’s retirement.

March 8, 1965

The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade landed at Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam as the first U.S. ground combat troops to be committed to that conflict. The 3,500 men arrived both across the beach with Battalion Landing Team 3/9, and at Da Nang Airfield with Battalion Landing Team 1/3.

March 11, 1778

Marines participated in action when the Continental Navy Frigate Boston, en route to France, sighted, engaged, and captured the British merchant ship Martha. As the drum of the Boston beat to arms, John Adams seized a musket and joined the Marines on deck until the frigate’s captain, Samuel Tucker, sent him below for safety.

March 13, 1943

The first group of 71 Women Marine officer candidates arrived at the U.S. Midshipmen School (Women’s Reserve) at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. The Navy’s willingness to share training facilities enabled the Marine Corps to begin training Marine Corps Women’s Reserve officers just one month after the creation of the MCWR was announced.

March 17, 1967

The first woman Marine to report to Vietnam for duty, Master Sgt. Barbara J. Dulinsky, began her 18-hour flight to Bien Hoa,

30 miles north of Saigon. Dulinsky and other officer and enlisted women Marines that followed were assigned to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam, based in Saigon. Most worked with the Marine Corps Personnel Section, providing administrative support to Marines assigned as far north as the DMZ, but two lieutenant colonels, Ruth Reinholz and Ruth O’Holleran, served as historians with the Military History Branch, Secretary Joint Staff, MACV.

March 25, 1945

After 35 days of bitter fighting, the amphibious assault on the rocky fortress of Iwo Jima finally appeared over. On this night, however, a 300-man Japanese force launched a vicious final counterattack in the vicinity of Airfield Number 2. Army pilots, Seabees and Marines of the 5th Pioneer Battalion and 28th Marines fought the fanatical Japanese force until morning and suffered heavy casualties: more than 100 killed and another 200 American wounded. Nearly all of the Japanese force

was killed in the battle.

March 27, 1953

The 5th Marines, supported by the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, in the first full day of fighting after the Chinese assault the previous evening of Outpost Vegas on Korea’s western front, counterattacked to regain enemy-held positions. Companies E and F of 2/7, down to only three platoons between them, managed to regain partial control of Outpost Vegas that day.

March 31, 1801

On this date, Lt. Col Commandant William W. Burrows rode with president Thomas Jefferson to look for “a proper place to fix the Marine Barracks on.” President Jefferson was a personal friend of the commandant, and deeply interested in the welfare of the Corps and accompanied Burrows on horseback on this morning. They chose a square in Southeast Washington, bounded by 8th, 9th and I streets, because it lay near the Navy Yard and was within easy marching distance of the Capitol.

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Cpl. Jamie Roy, administration clerk, Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, has been stationed here for more than two years. Her job is taking care of depot Marines' administrative issues.



Maj. Lisa Botuchis, depot adjutant, enlisted in the Corps in 1981. She said she has seen many changes among women Marines. *Cpl. Jess Levens/O'Brien photos*



Marine Band San Diego musicians Lance Cpl. Stephanie Koehler, left, and Cpl. Andrea Smith play their clarinets during a band rehearsal for an upcoming concert.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

BY Cpl. JESS LEVENS
Chevron staff

In 1918, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels allowed women to serve in clerical roles in the Marine Corps. Officially, Opha Mae Johnson became the first female Marine Aug. 13, 1918. That year, about 300 women joined the Corps to hold down clerical positions for the Marines off fighting in World War I. Congress passed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act in 1948, giving women a permanent spot in the Marine Corps.

From that time until the present, the role and attitude of women Marines has been significantly altered.

In accord with Women's History Month, the Chevron has decided to showcase a few women Marines stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. They are administrative clerks, musicians, military police officers, mentors, students and leaders. These are just a few of the ladies who shape the Marine Corps and help make the depot run smoothly on a day-to-day basis.

The ladies aboard the depot haven't been around long enough to really witness the changes in women Marines' roles, and how the Corps' attitude toward them has evolved since the first woman joined 87 years ago.

"I love being a woman in the Marine Corps," said Cpl. Andrea Smith, a Marine Band San Diego musician. "I know that I can be competitive with men in the civilian world because I compete with men in the military world."

"I wasn't in the Marines back when women were

so limited, but I'm thankful for the women who came before me. Because of them, I am able to enjoy the level of equality they wanted."

But even in the last 20 years, women Marines have seen a significant amount of gender equality changes in the Corps. Maj. Lisa Botuchis, depot adjutant, enlisted as a private in 1981, and accounted the changes women Marines have encountered in the last score.

"I knew I always wanted to join the military, but I didn't know which branch," said Botuchis. "I was leaning toward the Air Force because my dad was Air Force. I went to the Air Force recruiting office and it was closed. But the Marine recruiting office next-door was open and the recruiter came out and talked to me. He asked, 'Why in the world would you want to join the Air Force when you could be a Marine?'"

Even in the early 1980s, women did very little in recruit training, according to Botuchis. The ladies ran maybe a mile at a time, and never touched an obstacle or confidence course. The rifle training was also very moderate.

"We didn't even qualify," recalled Botuchis. "We did about three days of familiarization firing, but that was it. Instead, we had classes about how to wear make up. The drill instructors told us that 'A woman's role is to free a man to fight.' Women couldn't deploy on ships or do Marine security guard duty. We were encouraged to wear the high-heels and skirt with our uniform. Women even had the option of wearing a ball gown to the Marine Corps Ball instead of their uniform. In a way, we let ourselves be singled out."

"Free a man to fight" had been ingrained in women Marines. Another euphemism, "Ladies

First," existed throughout the female Marine community.

"I don't want to be a lady first," said Botuchis. "I want to be a Marine first, and that's what I am now. Women were very protected, but we don't want to be protected."

When Botuchis hit the fleet, she noticed the poor physical training in boot camp didn't get her up to par with the men she served with in her unit. Botuchis was a field radio operator, which was an uncommon occupation for women then. Most women Marines had administrative jobs.

"I knew I needed to get in better shape, so I had to train on my own," said Botuchis. "I ended up being a water safety survival instructor, which was very rare for a woman in that time."

The times continued to change, and with that, women's attitudes changed.

"I think women need to empower themselves," said Botuchis. "I got the occasional 'honey' or 'sweetheart,' usually from senior enlisted men, but a lot of that is because the way they were raised. I've never felt like I've been discriminated against."

Botuchis' enlistment ended and she went to college. After she earned her degree, she came back to the Corps as an officer and noticed an improved equality.

"When I trained to become an officer, we did the obstacle course and everything else the men did. It was completely different from recruit training."

Women's opportunities for equality peaked in the mid-1980s through the 1990s. In 1985, a board of general officers selected Col. Gail M. Reals as a brigadier general. In 1992, 2nd Lt. Sarah Deal became the first woman Marine selected for naval aviation training, and in 1993, the Corps opened pi-



Lt. Col. William J. Cover, depot assistant chief of staff, and Col. Ana R. Smythe, Headquarters and Service Battalion commanding officer, promote Cheryl E. Spencer to chief warrant officer (CW05). Spencer, the director of the Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, is the highest-ranking chief warrant officer on the depot.

lot positions to women. Maj. Gen. Carol A. Mutter's promotion in 1996 made her the first woman Marine, and second woman in the armed services to earn three stars.

According to the Women Marines Association, "Women serve in 93 percent of all occupational fields and 62 percent of all billets. Women constitute 6.2 percent of the Corps' end strength and are an integral part of the Marine Corps."

Since their conception in 1918 to the present, women Marines have changed from the fighting man's dainty placeholder to equal leaders and pioneers of greatness.

"The Marine Corps took me as a timid little girl, and it turned me into a strong woman," said Botuchis.

**RECRUIT
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EAGLE (globe and anchor) SCOUT

Grad discovers Marine leadership requires a bit more than what Boy Scouts taught

BY LANCE CPL.
DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron Staff

In a family full of Boy Scouts of America, it was hard for Brian W. Gize to stay away from

the pack. Afterall, his mother, Carolyn Brandenberger, and father, Bill Gize, were active supporters.

Starting out as a Cub Scout, Gize made his way through the ranks to become an Eagle

Scout, which many scouts rarely achieve, said Gize. To earn this coveted spot in the scout hierarchy, he took with him a trait scouts are taught: leadership. With this in mind, Gize got the idea to someday lead Marines.

But before Gize could realize this goal, his parents separated and the Phoenix native was without a father figure in the house. Though out of sight, he still had a dad.

"I grew up with my mom and a divorced father," said Gize. "He was very present, so it's not like he deserted me."

Bill always made sure to see his son on weekends and get as involved as the mother did. Bill got his son involved in karate and soccer while Carolyn carried on with scouts as a den mom.

"My mother had the biggest volunteer position as unit commissioner," said Gize. "In the past, she had about seven or eight different events that were her responsibility."

Gize excelled in the scouts and worked hard at attaining badges and billets.

"Going into Boy Scouts, I did everything I could very fast up until the point when I got out ... because it wasn't cool anymore," said Gize.

Gize got to high school, and as a freshman, he realized people looked at him funny in his scout uniform. It was around this time he realized his parents weren't the so-called coolest parents in the world. After that, he found himself pushing away.

"I kind of did the whole reaction to the parents not being cool," said Gize. Because they were so heavily involved with the scouting, people did not recognize Gize as Brian, but instead, they recognized him as "That guy's son," he said.

Gize felt the expectations were like having an older brother who did better than him.

However, even while he was away from the scouts, Gize participated in something similar called Junior Explorers, a group for adolescents and young adults to better understand or prepare for careers in law enforcement. Like the scouts, the organization put him in a position to excel, and in a group ranging from 14-21, 15-year-old Gize found himself ranked as a sergeant, giving orders to much older boys.

Gize's next-door neighbor was also a Boy Scout, except his



Pfc. Brian W. Gize, Platoon 2053, Company G, applies a tourniquet to Pfc. Chad E. Johnson, Platoon 2053, during their practical examination Feb. 24. The practical examination is made up of both oral and written examinations that the men are required to pass to graduate boot camp. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron staff photos



Pfc. Brian W. Gize, Platoon 2053, Company G, descends from the Reaper Feb. 3, the last leg of the 40-mile, 54-hour hike recruits are required to complete at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Gize formerly spent time hiking and roughing it as an Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America.

Cool, calm DI ‘thrived on playing hard’

San Diego drill instructors remember former drill instructor killed in Iraq

BY CPL. DERRICK A. SMALL
Chevron Staff

Training men into America's most elite fighting force in seven 13-week cycles, Staff Sgt. Brian D. Bland, 26, made quite an impression on Company I drill instructors before he returned to the infantry. Today, those DIs lament his loss.

A mortarman with Company C, Battalion Landing Team 1st Bn., 3rd Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, Bland, from Weston, Wyo., died Jan. 26 alongside 30 other Marines who lost their lives in a helicopter accident near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He is survived by his wife and mother.

MEU officials said the Marines who died were veterans of numerous firefights and had fought valiantly during the multi-national force's battle for the hostile city of Fallujah.

Reports of such gallantry did not surprise Bland's DI comrades in San Diego. They said "Super" Bland, as they called him, was a far superior Marine among his band of brothers. He was also a humble overachiever.

"I knew him as the 'go-to Marine,'" said Capt. Peter Dahl, a former series commander with Company I. "At the time, he was only a sergeant, but he was just as good, if not better than most of his peers."

Third Bn. routing chief Gunnery Sgt. Dwight Maloy said the Marine Corps hates to lose Marines like Bland, one of superb conduct.

"He basically set the tempo for his company and the battalion," Maloy said.

A good performer, Bland earned a spot as an Officer Candidate School DI, an opportunity only outstanding leaders in excellent physical condition earn, said Maloy.

According to Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Sonsini, senior drill instructor at the receiving barracks and formerly with Co. I, Bland was respected because he cared more about the overall outcome, rather than his own personal achievement.

"He was always thinking of ways to make his platoon better. But it didn't stop there," Sonsini said. "He wanted to make the company and the battalion better too because he was proud to be a part Co. I."

In a contrasting manner, fellow Marines viewed



Photo courtesy 1st Sgt. Dathan C. Edwards

Bland in different ways, but results were always similar. "He was very energetic and always on the move," said 1st Sgt. Dathan Edwards, Co. I first sergeant. "He was very eager to lead and always lead from the front."

"He wasn't as intense as some of the other DIs," Sonsini said. "He was cool, calm and collected. He was relaxed. To him everything had to be smooth. Being calm made him accomplish everything he did. Though



In Camp Korean Village, Iraq, 34 helmets and rifles stand as a memorial for fallen Marines and sailors of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-361, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing during a Feb. 2 service. Among the dead was Staff Sgt. Brian D. Bland, a former San Diego drill instructor (above). Cpl. Matthew R. Jones/31st MEU

All-Marine Wrestling duo grapples with recruiting at Oregon schools

BY SGT. MICHAEL FREEMAN
12th Marine Corps Recruiting District

Two All-Marine wrestlers took to the mat recently during the Muilenburg Invitational Wrestling Tournament in La-Grande, Ore., in support of recruitment efforts throughout the state's mostly rural northeastern territory. The wrestlers' appearance at this year's tournament is indicative of Recruiting Station Portland's ever-growing presence at the event, which hosts wrestlers, families and fans from more than 15 Eastern Oregon schools, making it one of the largest annual tournaments in the state.

"It definitely opens the public's eyes to the opportunities available in the Marine Corps," said Staff Sgt. Jacob Karl, a recruiter at Permanent Contact Station Pendleton. "The (All-Marine) wrestlers' presence shows that there are other ways to continue with athletics without attending college. You can still play any sport at higher levels."

To illustrate the point that they were definitely playing at a higher level than even the best wrestlers the tournament

had to offer, Cpl. Justin Cannon, one of the two visiting All-Marine athletes, took advantage of a break in tournament action to challenge the younger competitors. Cannon, a two-time All-Marine who wrestles at 132 pounds, challenged any wrestler at the event under 160 pounds to take him to the mat. He put himself at further disadvantage by saying that he would operate completely in defensive mode, forgoing any opportunity the challenger gave him to shoot for their legs or execute any takedowns or throws. Then he sweetened the deal: in addition to the Marine Corps T-shirt, lanyard and water bottle recruiters were already offering, Cannon put an All-Marine wrestling singlet on the line.

Several high school athletes accepted the challenge, grappling with Cannon while surrounded by hundreds of cheering wrestlers. One of the wrestlers even snatched a leg, hoisting it high into the air to knock Cannon off balance as Cannon hopped on one foot and repeatedly pushed off on his opponent's forehead. Try as they might though, none of the young men who locked horns with

Cannon were able to take him to the mat within the one-minute time limit stipulated.

Cannon said the wrestlers showed a lot of determination, not only on the mat with him, but throughout the tournament.

"I'm seeing a lot of heart," he said. "They're putting forth their best and giving 110 percent."

Cpl. Kelly Pederson, the other half of the All-Marine duo, said he was happy to have the opportunity to travel to Oregon to enhance the Marine presence at the event.

"It gives me a chance to help out the Marine Corps," said Pederson. "The Marine Corps has given me the opportunity to wrestle and travel to a lot of places. This gives me the opportunity to give something back."

Pederson and Cannon spent the week prior to the tournament conducting wrestling clinics at high schools in the Portland metro area before hitting the road to the tournament. The wrestlers shared their stories, ambitions and goals with the wrestlers at those schools and

at the tournament. Pederson, a former collegiate wrestler, left college to serve in the Corps, but plans to continue pursuing both his academic and wrestling careers when he returns to Michigan following his current enlistment. Pederson said he just wasn't ready for college when he first attended, but he'll be more than prepared when he returns home.

"I would definitely recommend the Marine Corps," said Pederson. "It's one of the best options for athletes. You live wrestling. You gain more strength and experience. I'll be a stronger wrestler when I go back to college."

Matt Wolcott, the LaGrande High School wrestling coach, agreed, saying he sees many parallels between wrestlers and Marines.

"I think wrestling requires mental discipline and toughness like the Marine Corps," he said. "The two go hand-in-hand. Wrestlers all want to compete and be the best; Marines take pride in being the best. The Marines are the toughest branch of the military, and wrestlers are the toughest athletes in the school."



Pvt. Rich Grimes marches with Platoon 2053, Company G, back to the barracks after completing the Crucible, a Marine-defining test covering 40 miles in 54 hours. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

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COMPANY CURIOSITIES Here's how men from Golf Company answered Chevron's questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

Q: What was your worst day in boot camp?



Pvt. Kevin T. Cawvey
Flora, Ind.

A: Every day was equally miserable.

Q: What's your favorite Meal Ready to Eat?



Pvt. Dustin A. Fisher
Grand Haven, Mich.

A: Any vegetarian MRE because it gave the most amount of food.

Q: What was the funniest moment in training?



Pfc. David C. Barnes
Centreville, Mich.

A: A sea gull came down and stole a recruit's sandwich right out of his hand.

Q: Did anything make you laugh or lose bearing?



Pvt. Luis A. Villalobos
Chicago

A: When the DI tripped and fell, in a hike ... and thought we did not see it.

Q: What will you do when you get home?



Pvt. Brandon B. Bates
Parker, Texas

A: Ride my motorcycle and call friends.



Company G recruits and an Instructional Training Company drill instructor peer down the rappel tower's "Hell Hole," which recruits descend through to learn rappelling without walking down a wall. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron



Strapped with helmets and other rappelling gear, Pvt. Dave A. Tucker, left, and Pvt. Fredrick Schaeffer wait in line while recruits in the background descend the rappel tower here. Rappelling is one of the final required challenges of training before graduation. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

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Pfc. M. K. Willingmyre
Pvt. J. R. Winchester
Pvt. A. L. Wright Jr.
Pvt. D. Zamora
Pvt. M. A. Zapata Jr.

PLATOON 2054
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. A. L. Mayes
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. B. R. Hunter
Sgt. R. D. Fraser
Staff Sgt. D. L. Barrett
Sgt. J. M. Anderson

Pvt. J. D. Allen
*Pfc. R. C. Bittling Jr.
Pvt. C. E. Debrotka
Pvt. C. K. Denton
Pvt. M. A. Gomez
*Pfc. S. E. Gonzalez
Pvt. R. G. Ker
Pfc. K. T. Lesar
Pvt. D. F. Medina
*Pfc. C. S. Melshenker
Pfc. B. B. Morris
Pvt. C. A. Odom
Pvt. S. R. Parker
Pvt. G. I. Parrish
Pvt. J. C. Pasallo
Pfc. G. J. Pendleton
Pvt. C. E. Perkinson
Pvt. I. Portillo
Pvt. J. J. Pruitt
Pvt. R. J. Puente
Pvt. D. A. Ramirez
Pvt. D. N. Rauzi
Pvt. H. F. Records
Pvt. B. M. Reeder
Pfc. P. A. Remigio Jr.
Pvt. R. Reyes Jr.
*Pfc. J. Reyna
Pvt. D. J. Ricardo
Pvt. W. A. Rivera
Pvt. E. R. Roberts
Pvt. O. Rodriguezavilez
Pvt. W. T. Ross
Pvt. A. A. Sager
Pvt. A. T. Schenck
Pvt. A. C. Schmucker IV
Pvt. F. J. Shaeffer
Pvt. M. K. Shafer
Pvt. S. A. Shands
Pvt. J. Q. Shannon
Pvt. R. A. Shellum
Pvt. P. C. Skinner
Pvt. A. A. Smalley
Pvt. J. H. Smith
Pfc. W. T. Smith
Pvt. E. Soria
Pvt. R. Soto
Pvt. T. L. Spelrem
Pvt. B. J. Stoops
Pvt. J. M. Rivas
Pfc. N. R. Roberts
Pvt. B. D. Thornton
*Pfc. J. A. Torres
Pvt. K. W. Troutman
Pvt. D. A. Rose
Pvt. R. R. Rubey
Pvt. D. J. Turner
Pvt. J. C. Turner
Pvt. M. Ung
Pvt. J. D. Vall
Pvt. J. S. Vanbrunt
Pfc. Y. Yang
Pvt. R. S. Velasco
*Pfc. D. L. Walker
Pvt. L. O. Walkercarrion
Pvt. R. E. Walkercarrion
Pfc. I. C. Watkins
Pvt. T. N. Watson
Pvt. D. Singh
Pvt. C. B. Smith II

Retired Col. Mike Brooks

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Col. Mike Brooks enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1966 in Missoula, Mont., and completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He was assigned to the Tactical Air Operations Center of Marine Air Control Squadron 4, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C.

In 1968, he was assigned to the Tactical Air Operations Center of Marine Air Control Squadron 9, located near Da Nang, Vietnam, where he was promoted to sergeant. Upon his return from Vietnam, Brooks attended the University of Montana in Missoula and graduated with a bachelor's in computer science.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in July 1973. Upon completion of The Basic School, he was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, where he served as a rifle platoon commander, weapons platoon commander and executive officer.

His subsequent tours included tactics instructor and company commander at The Basic School, commanding officer of Recruiting Station Des Moines, Iowa and operations officer for 5th Marines.

During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Brooks served as the commanding officer of 1st Force Reconnaissance Co., 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Brooks was then reassigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines as a company commander. He later served as the operations officer for 1st Marine Division and the commanding officer of 5th Marines.

After retiring from the Marine Corps in 2000, Brooks became vice president of operations for Global Network Privacy, an Internet security company. He is currently the vice president for plans and operations of Proof-point Systems, Inc.

Brooks holds a master's in systems management from the University of Southern California and a master's in national security and strategic studies from the United States Naval War College.

Brooks' personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

He is married to the former Cheryl Lowe of Missoula. They have two children, Matthew and Michelle, and currently reside in Fallbrook, Calif.

Pvt. M. L. Wells
Pvt. T. S. Welter
Pvt. W. A. White Jr.
Pvt. W. A. White

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Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. A. Cervantes
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. C. C. Tanner
Staff Sgt. J. J. Mora
Sgt. D. R. Young

Pvt. J. Flores
*Pfc. M. T. Petito
*Pfc. N. M. Quinonez
Pvt. M. S. Reed
Pvt. J. F. Reimer
Pvt. J. R. Reyna
Pvt. J. M. Rice II
Pvt. D. E. Rice
Pfc. J. L. Rico
Pvt. J. I. Tapiavazquez
Pfc. N. R. Roberts
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Pfc. Y. Yang
Pvt. R. S. Velasco
*Pfc. D. L. Walker
Pvt. L. O. Walkercarrion
Pvt. R. E. Walkercarrion
Pfc. I. C. Watkins
Pvt. T. N. Watson
Pvt. D. Singh
Pvt. C. B. Smith II

Pvt. B. W. Smith
Pfc. M. E. Smith
Pvt. C. A. Stacy
Pvt. D. A. Stephens
Pfc. J. A. Swofford
Pfc. S. A. Tate
Pvt. D. K. Taylor
Pvt. T. B. Taylor
Pvt. A. R. Thomas
Pvt. W. K. Thompson
Pvt. D. M. Tolve
Pfc. R. M. Torres Jr.
Pvt. F. Torres
Pvt. G. R. Tracy
Pvt. N. Trang
Pvt. C. A. Trevino
Pvt. C. M. Trujillo
Pvt. G. L. Tucker
Pvt. S. M. Urciuoli
Pvt. S. Urribenunez
Pvt. I. Valdes
Pvt. J. A. Vandyk
Pfc. G. C. Velasquez Jr.
Pvt. M. Villanueva
Pvt. D. M. Wall
Pvt. J. J. Walsh
Pvt. J. D. Warren
Pvt. J. A. Weber
Pvt. C. W. Wendling
Pvt. R. J. West
Pvt. E. D. Whitacre
Pvt. C. A. Whitby
Pvt. A. D. Whitney
Pvt. N. R. Wilde
Pvt. M. L. Williams
Pfc. W. J. Winney
Pvt. D. M. Winslow
Pvt. S. M. Witkowski
Pfc. R. L. Yazzie
Pfc. R. J. Ybarra

*Meritorious promotion



Lt. j.g. Charlie Gris reaches for a ball during the Commanding General's Cup tennis tournament Tuesday. Though Gris was eliminated early, many of his fellow Coast Guardsmen excelled in the tournament. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron photos

COASTING AHEAD

Coast Guard streaking in Cup with single, doubles tennis victories

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron Staff

Marines and Coast Guardsmen competed in the Commanding General's Cup tennis tournament Tuesday at the Andy Baur Tennis Court and the commanding general's tennis court.

In the singles event, the Coast Guard's Maritime Safety Security Team Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Wilson took first after a heated match against 12th Marine Corps District's Sgt. Andrew W. Stewart. Wilson also played alongside Petty Officer 3rd Class Ruhmor to take first in the doubles event. Teamwork and ball placement helped lock the game against Headquarters and Service Battalion's 1st Lts. Anthony M. Delsignore and Brian D. Trulock, who took third.

The tennis tournament will be the second

CG's event that a Coast Guard unit has placed first in this year. The Coast Guard volleyball team also took first in the CG's cup volleyball tournament recently.

The event only takes place once a year, leaving many people anticipating its arrival, according to Rachel Dickinson, intramural sports coordinator for the depot.

"We had 18 (service members) compete in the singles events and five teams compete for the doubles," said Rachel. "We had a really good turnout this year." The competitors ranged from corporals to lieutenants to master chiefs to the chief of staff. Sailors did not participate.

"It's very hard to get Dental and Medical to come out for these one-day things," said Dickinson.

For more information on CG Cup events, contact Dickinson at (619) 524-0548.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Ruhmor and 1st Lt. Brian Trulock shake hands after the last set of their match. Ruhmor and his partner Petty Officer 2nd Class Samuel Wilson went on to win the doubles portion of the tournament.



RTR CLAIMS HORSESHOES WIN

(Above) Headquarters and Service Battalion's Maj. Ronald G. Capes, right, competes against Recruit Training Regiment Staff Sgt. Christopher A. Reithmann in the Commanding General's Cup horseshoe tournament Monday at the Boathouse. Capes took third overall. Organizers had postponed the tournament the week prior because of rain. (Left) Recruit Training Regiment's Col. Mark Callihan throws a shoe in a preliminary match against RTR's Staff Sgt. Juan Valles, who won the match and moved on in the tournament. RTR won the tourney, with Sgt. Maj. Scott Mearkle and Gunnery Sgt. John Richards taking first and second places respectively. Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr./Chevron photos